

Amendments to the Specification

At page 1, before line 1 of the specification, please amend the Title of the Invention as follows:

Deformable Connector, Applicator and Method for Mechanically Connecting Hollow Structures, ~~In Particular Small Blood Vessels~~

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

ABSTRACT

~~The invention relates to a~~ connector, applicator and method for mechanically connecting hollow structures, in particular small blood vessels, in order to make an anastomosis. The connector incorporates various features to create a reliable engagement with the vessel walls to make a good connection thereof.

— ~~The connector comprises~~ includes knife members to make an arteriotomy in and punch a hole in one of the vessel walls, ~~comprises~~ an expansion portion to cause a large expansion with a minimum profile, and ~~comprises~~ anvil members to reliably bring the staple-like elements to the joining position.

A clean copy of the Abstract, as amended, is attached hereto.